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2 February 1988
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau -- January 1988

I. GENERAL

1. Almost daily clashes on the Lao border dominated the Thai scene during January as a territorial dispute between the two countries involving a 75-square-km area of Thailand's Phitsanulok Province bordering Laos continued to escalate. While the Thai authorities refer to the Lao intrusion as a "nibbling operation," both sides have resorted to heavy artillery, the Thais have mounted air strikes, and the Laotians have accused the Thais of using toxic chemical shells. While both have called for negotiations to end the conflict, both have also held a number of press conferences, produced maps supporting their separate claims to the territory, declared that they will not withdraw from territory that is legally theirs, and that there will be no cease-fire or negotiations until the other side withdraws its forces. Thus, the skirmishes can be expected to continue for some time. Meanwhile, although anti-Lao rallies have taken place in Bangkok and various cities throughout Thailand, the border war has had no affect on daily life in the capital.

2. "Courageous" can now be added to the list of adjectives that FBIS has been called by consumers over the years. The unexpected plaudit appeared in a 22 January Bangkok Post article on Moscow's influence on Hanoi and the economic reforms introduced in Vietnam. Referring to the Vietnamese party theoretical journal Tap Chi Cong San, the author of the article inserted the following: "(Fully and courageously translated by the people of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service of the U.S. Government)."

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The second meeting between Prince Norodom Sihanouk of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea and Premier Hun Sen of the People's Republic of Kampuchea in France 20-21 January to resolve the Cambodian conflict produced a significant

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amount of reportage/reaction as apparent agreement was reached on some issues and a decision made to meet at least three more times in the future. However, any progress that may have been achieved will probably go for naught as a result of Sihanouk's 30 January statement announcing his permanent resignation from the post of president of Democratic Kampuchea and the tripartite Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea and the breaking off of peace talks with the Phnom Penh regime. Undoubtedly this is far from the last word on the matter though, as the prince is known for changing his mind about as often as he changes residences.

2. The late December Vietnamese papers, delayed due to the holidays, finally arrived the latter half of the month, thereby permitting the Vietnamese Unit to clean up the processing of the speeches and laws emanating from the second session of the eighth National Assembly that took place 23-29 December.

B. Lateral Services

1. The Amembassy Jakarta requested a subscription to the East Asia Daily Report as well as the direct filing of field bureau items on Indonesia, East Timor, Cambodia, and ASEAN.

2. Locally, at their request, the bureau is now furnishing its daily incoming and outgoing file on Indochina to the French Embassy and the Special Assistant's Office at the U.S. Embassy.

3. During the month the bureau fulfilled requests from the U.S. Embassy's Political Section, the Narcotics Assistance Unit, USIS, and VOA.

4. A request for a Soviet videotape of military equipment being used in Afghanistan was received from the 500th Military Intelligence Group located at Camp Sana, Japan. The request was passed on to MOD.

C. Cruising

1. With the installation of the parts shipped from Headquarters, the Analyst dish again became available for cruising on 8 January. During the two months while the required parts were awaited, the dish had to be fixed permanently on the 60E satellite.

2. At Headquarters request, the Tehran IRNA circuit was printed off the 63E Intelsat 8-11 January and the sampling pouched to London Bureau for comparison with its IRNA landline circuit. The two were found to carry basically the same material.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [] was promoted to GS-12 effective 3 January 1988.

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2. Bureau handyman/driver [], the first person hired by the Bureau 21 years ago, was promoted effective 17 January 1988.

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3. The chief local engineer, [], received a Quality Step Increase effective 31 January.

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4. Okinawa Cruiser [] completed his 6-month TDY in Bangkok on 15 January 1988. Local satellite cruiser [] is now responsible for all satellite cruising at Bang Ping.

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B. Visits

On 29 January Charlie Mitchell, Chief of the VOA Relay Station, Wayne Houser, deputy chief and four others from the VOA site visited the bureau and Bang Ping for a briefing and tour

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	797,030
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	208,870
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,645

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	20,637 min.	22,135 min.	336.46 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ROSET SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

INDIA

Delhi General Overseas Service in English	1,870		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	2,190		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	42,370		

INDONESIA

Jakarta TVRI Television Network in Indonesian	4,040		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		21,910	

MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	1,830		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		10,080	

PHILIPPINES

Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	5,340		
Manila FNA in English		14,120	

SRI LANKA

Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		9,880	
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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATION
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IV. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	10,380	
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English		0
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English		0
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English		0

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Overseas Service in English	1,130	
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	12,430	
Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	290	
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English		3,270
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali		1,540

BRUNEI

Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English		0
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BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in English	440	
Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	3,930	
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English		2,000
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese		0
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese		0
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese		0

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	17,890	
Phnom Penh SPK in English		18,540
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane		0
Phnom Penh SPK in French		7,950

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing International Service in Bengali	0		
Beijing International Service in Burmese	810		
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	0		
Beijing International Service in Lao	0		
Beijing International Service in Thai	0		
Beijing in Cambodian to Cambodia	1,770		
Beijing in Hindi to India	0		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0		
Beijing International Service in Vietnamese	740		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	17,520		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	9,400		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Khmer in Cambodian	11,390		
(Clandestine) Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	2,700		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese	370		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		53,400	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	1,870		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	2,190		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	42,370		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		2,570	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			820
Delhi PATRIOT in English			8,930
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			2,310

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>INDIA</u> (continued)			
Madras DINAMALAR in Tamil			0
Bombay NAVBHARAT TIMES in Hindi			1,430
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta International Service in English	690		
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	5,140		
Jakarta TVRI Television Network in Indonesian	4,040		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		21,910	
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			310
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			0
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			320
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			0
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian			0
Jakarta SUARA PEMBARUAN in Indonesian			0
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	62,540		
Vientiane KPL in English		27,050	
Vientiane KPL in English to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane KPL in French to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh		0	
Vientiane PASASON in Lao			600
Vientiane VIENTIANE MAI in Lao			0
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	3,400		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	580		

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<u>MALAYSIA (continued)</u>			
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	550		
Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	1,830		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		10,080	
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			100
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay			920
Kuala Lumpur BERITA MINGGU in Malay			0
Kuala Lumpur MINGGUAN MALAYSIA in Malay			0
Kuala Lumpur UTUSAN MALAYSIA in Malay			0
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Kathmandu External Service in English	160		
Kathmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			170
<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>			
Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English			0
Wellington THE EVENING POST in English			0
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Islamabad Oversea Service in English	2,230		
Islamabad Domestic Service in English	4,810		
Islamabad Domestic Service in Urdu	10,550		
Islamabad Oversea Service in Urdu	330		
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			10,380
Karachi DAWN in English			2,520
Rawalpindi HAIDER in Urdu			0
Lahore JANG in Urdu			720
Karachi NAWA-I-WAQT in Urdu			1,100

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			
Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	5,340		
Manila PNA in English		14,120	
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	1,160		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			610
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			790
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	2,150		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	0		
Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil	320		
Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		9,880	
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			610
Colombo SUN in English			1,650
Colombo WEEKEND in English			810
Colombo VIRAKESARI in Tamil			760
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	2,660		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,930		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	4,730		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	10,470		
Bangkok First Army Division Radio in Thai	0		
Bangkok Army Television Channel 5 in Thai	3,650		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			32,450
Bangkok THE NATION in English			42,210
Bangkok KHAO PHISSET in Thai			940

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATION
<u>THAILAND (continued)</u>			
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai			0
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			3,210
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai			2,690
Bangkok NAEO NA in Thai			2,690
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			2,620
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai			0
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			3,870
Bangkok ZHONG HUA RIBAO in Chinese			700
Bangkok XING XIAN RIBAO in Chinese			0
Bangkok XIN ZHONG YUAN RIBAO in Chinese			540

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow International Service in Tamil	0
Moscow International Service in Vietnamese	900
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	0
Moscow in Cambodian to Cambodia	3,650
Moscow in Hindi to India	0
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	0
Moscow in Lao to Laos	0
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	0
Moscow in Urdu to India	0
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	0
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian	0

UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in English	580
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	<u>BROAD-</u> <u>CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS</u> <u>AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI-</u> <u>CATION</u>
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in English	9,890		
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	1,510		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	62,760		
Hanoi VNA in English		69,840	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			69,830
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			940
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			2,910
Hanoi TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			0
Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG in Vietnamese			5,250